

The Museum

Forward Plan September 2007 – September 2012

1. Introduction

Castleton Historical Society (CHS) is responsible for a permanent exhibition known as "The Castleton Museum" at the Castleton Centre, Buxton Road, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33. The Museum is registered with the Museum Registration Scheme (RD 1940). CHS owns the entire Museum collection, which includes both display and non-display items. The Board of Trustees of CHS is responsible for the management of The Castleton Museum.

The Castleton Centre is a joint partnership between The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and CHS. The Centre is open 364 days a year and receives in excess of 200,000 visitors a year.

CHS was founded in 1973 and became a registered charity in 1984 (registrations Number 1079056). It is a Company Limited by Guarantee (Companies House Reference 0384 0929). A membership society, CHS provides a programme of events and undertakes research in relation to the history of the Parish of Castleton.

On the 17th March 2008 the Museum received accredited status with MLA, the Museums Libraries Archives Council.

2. Statement of Purpose of The Castleton Museum (Our Objectives)

"To acquire, conserve, archive, safeguard, interpret and display to the public, in the Castleton Centre, material relating to the Parish of Castleton".

3. Our Aims – The Big Picture

To provide access to and information about our collections through Museum activities for residents and visitors to the Parish of Castleton;

To support and encourage research and volunteering opportunities to members and non-members of CHS;

To work in partnership with the PDNPA; Derbyshire Museums Forum, MLA-EM and other agencies;

To deliver accountable governance for the Museum and the collections.